Deep Creek Lake Watershed Management Plan Public Meeting October 5, 2013 Group 2

List of Issues

- 1. Invasive species(flora & fauna)
- 2. Industrial Impact (fracking)
- 3. Noise Level (boats)
- 4. Road runoff (culverts)
- 5. Shoreline erosion
- 6. Lake Level control
- 7. Economic Impact of Remediation
- 8. Lack of watershed management plan
- 9. Threat to recreational use
- 10. Lack of political influence at State level
- 11. Lack of funding from State vis. a vis. Ocean City
- 12. Lack of Lake Management/PRB
- 13. Sediment accumulation
- 14. Shoreline growth (Green Glades)
- 15. Water budget

Highest Priority Issues

Watershed/Lake Management

Source:

- 1. Failure of PRB
- 2. DNR/MDE and Commissioners uncoordinated
- 3. Lake of State representation
- 4. Lack of State funding
- 5. Disconnect between entities
- 6. Public apathy
- 7. Lack of watershed perspective

Solution:

- 1. Watershed Management District
- 2. Public education
- 3. Non-resident voting
- 4. Social media involvement

Barriers:

- 1. Population density
- 2. Lack of funding
- 3. County economics

Economic Impact of Remediation

Source:

- 1. Have issues
- 2. Reduction in visitors
- 3. Reduction in property values

Solution:

- 1. Education
- 2. Marketing/Image
- 3. Fix the issues
- 4. Get the County (whole population) to agree

Barrier:

- 1. Who does education?
- 2. Part-time owners don't want to be bothered
- 3. Resident apathy

Shoreline Erosion/Sedimentation

Source:

- 1. Boat traffic (wave erosion)
- 2. Road runoff
- 3. Failure of State to establish shoreline protection measures
- 4. Weather
- 5. Lack of County program for riparian buffers
- 6. Storm water management
- 7. Expansion of hard surfaces
- 8. Loss of trees (coves, wetlands)

Solutions:

- 1. Plant trees/reforestation
- 2. Vegetated shoreline buffers
- 3. Boat wake limits
- 4. Rain gardens
- 5. More involvement by County & State road departments
- 6. Bio retention measures,, including ditches, swales
- 7. Funding/State appropriations
- 8. Lake level control/ upper rule band
- 9. Foster stewardship plans in upper waters

Barriers:

- 1. State policy on buffer strip of property owners
- 2. Lack of public involvement

- Fee structure for permit
 Micro management by Lake Management
 Lack of incentives for home owner (lake + watershed)
- 6. Timing of remediations